

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, John Paul Peak of Anderson, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Eighty-first Birthday with a special celebration on December 4, 2004; and

Whereas, on December 1, 1923, in Greenbush, Kansas, God brought a special gift to Ronald "Rollie" and Ada Mary (Brazil) Peak with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of John, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, God has blessed John Peak with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include nine children, Terri, Vicki, Sandi, Patti, Brian, Toni, Alan, Tracy, and Debi; seventeen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, John Peak has distinguished himself as the twenty-four-year owner and operator of Woodlawn Manor RCF, from which he will retire on November 30, 2004; and

Whereas, John Peak has also compiled a list of other impressive achievements, some of which include being a veteran of World War II, a former member of the United States Coast Guard, a thirty-year member of the Army Reserves, an employee of Prudential Insurance Company, the owner and operator of a dry cleaner and laundry mat, and a member of the Republican National Committee, the Republican Party, the National Rifle Association, USAA, and many other organization; and

Whereas, John Peak has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past eighty-one years such as watching wild birds, collecting coins and automobiles, and talking about the weather and baseball; and

Whereas, a devout Catholic, John Peak is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to John Peak at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for John Paul Peak, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4530, adopted November 24, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker